

VSP Public Comment

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Should California reject the proposed Diebold system? Vote=Yes

If citizens can't cast a verifiable vote, we have nothing that in any way resembles a democracy or, more accurately, a republic. It is unconscionable for such a crucial aspect of citizenship, voting, to be treated with less seriousness than a receipt you get in any retail establishment. Every receipt you get in a supermarket shows the date and time, the price of every item you purchased, the location of the store and the checkout line you used. This is appropriate, since you want to be able to check your receipt against what's in your shopping bag in case you have some doubt. For any person or corporation to propose that less care should be taken with citizens' votes should make anyone who cares about democracy highly suspicious of such a proposal and whoever would make it. Please do not let any Diebold voting machine, or any voting machine, further corrupt the already tainted electoral process. Thank you.

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Citizen Proposed Standards:

The AVVPAT shall be printed on single sheet non-thermal at least 16 pound paper, one record of vote per sheet.

Every recorded vote, no matter how recorded, shall have a AVVPAT copy.

The AVVPAT record of the vote shall be printed in a minimum of 12 point font.

The AVVPAT shall be printed and organized to be easily read by both the voter and election officials.

The AVVPAT during the 1% manual audit and any recount shall be physically verified and hand counted only.

The recorded vote choices on the AVVPAT shall not be audited or recounted by automatic or electronic methods.

There shall not be a method by which any particular voting record can be connected to any particular voter.

Any AVVPAT spoiled or rejected by a voter because of a voting system error shall not be counted as a spoiled ballot under the two spoiled ballots limit.

No remote access to voting machines by wireless or internet.